

Remarks

The Office Action mailed June 15, 2006 has been carefully reviewed and the foregoing amendment and following remarks are made in consequence thereof.

Claims 1-36 and 40-48 are currently pending in this application. Claims 1-36 stand rejected. Claims 40-47 have been withdrawn from consideration. Claims 37-39 have been cancelled. Claim 48 was newly added in the prior amendment. No new matter has been added.

Applicant respectfully traverses the Notice of Non-compliant Amendment. Specifically, Applicant submits that Claims 38 and 39 were clearly designated "withdrawn." Accordingly, the status of Claims 38 and 39 was not unclear, as suggested by the Examiner. Therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that the amendment mailed March 29, 2006 is compliant. However, to expedite the prosecution of this case, in response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment, Claims 38 and 39 have been cancelled and include the status identifier "cancelled." Accordingly, Applicant requests that the objection to Claims 38 and 39 be withdrawn.

In view of the foregoing amendment and remarks, all claims now active in the application are believed to be in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and favorable action is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully Submitted,


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